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Dear Roy Masinton:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your letter dated December 11, 2002, regarding the Gold Belt Travel Management Plan. These comments have been prepared under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4327).

You requested a list of threatened & endangered species that are likely to occur within the planning area. Based on the map accompanying your letter, the Service believes that the following species may occur within the planning area, or may be affected through water depletions:

Bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
Mexican spotted owl, *Strix occidentalis lucida*
Canada lynx, *Lynx canadensis*
Arkansas darter, *Etheostoma caeruleum*
Uncompaghe fritillary butterfly, *Boloria acrocnema*
Penland alpine fen mustard, *Eutrema penlandii*
Greenback cutthroat trout, *Oncorhynchus clarki stomias*
Pallid sturgeon, *Scaphirhynchus albus*
Least tern (interior population), *Sterna antillarum*
Piping plover, *Charadrius melodus*
Whooping crane, *Grus americana*

In addition, the following proposed and candidate species may occur within the planning area:

Mountain plover, *Charadrius melodus*

Black-tailed prairie dog, *Cynomys ludovicianus*
Boreal toad, *Bufo boreas boreas*

For your convenience, we have enclosed a list of Colorado's threatened and endangered species, as well as the counties in which they are known to occur.

If you have any further questions, please call Ari Cornman at (303) 275-2359.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure: Species List

Reference: General Consultation Gold Belt Spp List